

OLYPHANT & Co,  
Hongkong, January 6, 1868.

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## Shipping.

FOR SYDNEY.  
The French Clipper-ship  
"CHERSEA,"  
Capt. HUGHES, will have  
early despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1868.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The British Ship  
"CHERSEA,"  
Capt. HUGHES, will have  
early despatch as above.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1868.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The 1st Amer. Clipper-ship  
"JAMES GUTHRIE,"  
Capt. HUGHES, will have  
early despatch as above.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1868.

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.  
The British Ship  
"JOSHUA BATES,"  
Capt. SYDNEY, will have  
early despatch for the above  
Ports.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.  
The 1st French Barque  
"CASIMIR DELAVIGNE,"  
Capt. GODEFROY, (daily expected  
from Yokohama), of 425 tons  
register, or 10,000 piculs carrying capacity.  
Apply to  
REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1868.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"CARMARTHENSIRE," FROM  
LONDON.  
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are requested to send  
their Bills of Lading to the Under-  
signed for countersignature, and take im-  
mediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.  
HOLLIDAY, Y. WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

"SUOMI," FROM GLASGOW.  
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are requested to send  
their Bills of Lading to the Under-  
signed for countersignature, and take im-  
mediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.  
ARNOLD KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

"VIRGIN DEL CARMEN," FROM  
MANILA.  
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-  
named Vessel, will please send in their  
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and  
take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at the risk and  
expense of the Consignees.  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

"AFON," FROM LONDON.  
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-  
named vessel are requested to send  
in their Bills of Lading to the Under-  
signed for countersignature and take im-  
mediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of this vessel  
will be landed and stored at consignees'  
risk and expense.  
GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents for "Afon,"  
Hongkong, February 7, 1868.

THE following cases have been landed  
and stored at the risk and expense of  
the Consignees, who are requested to take  
immediate delivery.  
Ex "Tigre," 6th December.  
1 Basket Feathers.  
RT B 531. 1 Case Paper.  
Ex "Cambodge," 6th February.  
LE 1702. 1 Case Rifles.  
CF 38. 1 Case of Candles.  
RG 112. 2 Cases Pictures  
de Graucay. 1 Case Books.  
C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1868.

NOTICE.  
We have authorized Mr. CLAY BUNDS  
to sign our Firm from this date.  
DICKER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased  
on the 31st day of December, 1867.  
A. FERGUSON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.  
ROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F.  
BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the  
Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this  
Port.  
S. L. PHELPS,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A.  
FERGUSON in our Firm, ceased on the  
1st day of November, 1867.  
A. FERGUSON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 19, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Business will be henceforth carried  
on under the name Name by the Un-  
der-  
signed.  
A. D. MITCHELL,  
J. D. MEYERS, and  
HENRY PHILIPS.  
Hongkong, December 19, 1867.

NOTICE.  
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to  
sign our Firm from this date.  
DEACON & Co.  
Canton, February 1, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

DURING the absence of Mr. J. H. LADD  
from the Colony, Mr. T. CUSHING  
LADD is authorized to sign our firm per pro-  
curation.  
LADD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
T. KUMMENACHER in our Firm ceased  
on the 31st December, 1867.  
SANDER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Under-  
signed having disposed of their  
Business as Shipwrights, &c. to Messrs  
J. McDONALD & Co., and being about to  
leave the Colony, request all parties having  
any CLAIMS against them to send them in  
for payment on or before the 10th instant,  
and all parties INDEBTED to the Firm  
are requested to make immediate Payment.  
ROSS THOMPSON & Co.  
Spring Gardens, February 1, 1868.

REFERRING to the above, we beg to  
inform the Public that we have taken  
over the Business of Messrs ROSS THOMPSON  
& Co., and trust by strict attention to Bu-  
siness to merit the patronage of the Com-  
munity.  
J. McDONALD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
MESSRS. H. P. M. WACHTEL and H.  
ALPHE OUKMAN ceased to be Part-  
ners in our Firm since the 31st December  
ultimo.  
GAYMANS & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE established myself in business as  
Merchant and Commission Agent, under  
the style of FIRM of KHAKKE MAHOMED &  
Co.  
KHAKKE MAHOMED KUTCHRA.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
DURING the absence of Mr. SHERIFF  
KURIM from the Colony, Mr. KHAKKE  
MAHOMED KUTCHRA is authorized to sign  
our Firm per procuration.  
SHERIFF & Co.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
AS my Engagement ceases in May next,  
all outstanding Accounts for the past  
Two Years must be sent in immediately for  
payment.  
MARY HASTELAND RANDLE,  
Superintendent.  
Diocean School,  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
R. THOMAS PYKE has this day been  
admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Inter-  
est and Responsibility of the late Mr.  
C. JAMISON in our Firm ceased on the 30th  
September last.  
The Business will in future be carried on  
by Mr. Z. BARTON under the Name of  
Style of JAMISON & BARTON, as heretofore.  
JAMISON & BARTON.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
Y Business, as Ship and Insurance  
Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto  
carried on by myself, will henceforward be  
conducted under the style of J. S.  
Hook, Son & Co.  
J. S. HOOK.  
Hongkong, September 28, 1867.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE established myself at this port as  
General Commission Merchant, under  
the style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER  
& Co.  
GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
W. O. VAN OORD in our Firm ceased  
on the 1st January, 1868.  
ROSMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE this day established myself as a Ge-  
neral Commission Merchant under the  
style or firm of VAN OORD & Co.  
(s'd)  
W. O. VAN OORD.  
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

## New Advertisements.

LAND AUCTION.  
BOWRA & Co. will sell by PUBLIC  
AUCTION, on  
SATURDAY,  
the 22nd February, 1868, at 12 o'clock  
Noon,  
On the Ground,—  
The Western Moety of Marine Lot  
No. 189, measuring North on the Praya  
50 feet, South on Middle Street 60 feet,  
East on the remaining Section, adjoining  
the Gas Works, 225 feet, and West of  
Messrs LINGWORTH & Co.'s Iron Foundry  
dry 225 feet, which piece of GROUND  
contains in the whole 11,250 square feet.  
The Eastern Moety next adjoining the  
Gas Works will also be put up for Sale,  
if sufficient inducement offers.  
For further particulars, apply to the  
Auctioneers, or to Mr. EDWARD SMAR,  
Solicitor, Bank Buildings.  
TENDERS of SALE will be made known at  
future sales.

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEFOO AND  
TIENTSIN.  
The Steamship  
"UNITED SERVICE,"  
Capt. STOKES, will be de-  
parted on or about the 20th  
Instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Wm. PUSBAU & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Wm. PUSBAU & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.  
The S.S.  
"DOUGLAS,"  
Capt. PITMAN, will have im-  
mediate despatch for the above  
Ports.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1868.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT.  
JOHN HEARD, AUGUSTINE HEARD,  
JUNIOR, ALBERT FARLEY HEARD,  
GEORGE FARLEY HEARD, GEORGE  
FREDERICK WELLES, and ROBERT  
INGLIS FEARON, trading under the  
Style or Firm of AUGUSTINE  
HEARD AND COMPANY.—Plaintiffs.  
ROBERT L. TAYLOR, HENRY W.  
HUBBELL, F. B. HILDEBRATH, and  
RUSSELL STROUDS.—Defendants.

WHEREAS an action has been com-  
menced in this Honorable Court at  
the Suit of the above-named JOHN HEARD,  
AUGUSTINE HEARD, JUNIOR, ALBERT FARLEY  
HEARD, GEORGE FARLEY HEARD, GEORGE  
FREDERICK WELLES, and ROBERT  
INGLIS FEARON, against the above-named  
ROBERT L. TAYLOR, HENRY W. HUBBELL,  
F. B. HILDEBRATH, and RUSSELL STROUDS,  
to recover the sum of Eight thousand five  
hundred and sixty-eight Dollars and three  
cents, for money received by the said  
ROBERT L. TAYLOR, HENRY W. HUBBELL,  
F. B. HILDEBRATH, and RUSSELL STROUDS  
for the said FIDELITY JOHN HEARD,  
AUGUSTINE HEARD, JUNIOR, ALBERT FARLEY  
HEARD, GEORGE FARLEY HEARD, GEORGE  
FREDERICK WELLES, and ROBERT  
INGLIS FEARON, and for money found to  
be due to the said Plaintiffs by the said  
Defendants on an account stated between  
them; and it being alleged that the said  
ROBERT L. TAYLOR, HENRY W. HUBBELL,  
F. B. HILDEBRATH, and RUSSELL STROUDS  
do not reside within this Island or its  
Dependencies, a Writ of Foreign Attach-  
ment has been issued, returnable on the  
Tenth day of March next, wherein I, S.  
Watson, of Victoria, in the Island of  
Hongkong, Master Mariner, is Garnishee.  
Notice is hereby given, that if at any  
time before final Judgment in this action,  
the said ROBERT L. TAYLOR, HENRY W.  
HUBBELL, F. B. HILDEBRATH, and RUSSELL  
STROUDS, or any persons on their behalf,  
will give the security and notice, and file  
the appearance or plea required by the  
Ordinance of this Island, intituled "An  
Ordinance to provide for and regulate  
process in Action at Law against Persons  
absent from the Colony," the said Attach-  
ment may be dissolved.  
Dated this Twelfth day of December, 1865.  
HENRY C. CALDWELL,  
Plaintiffs' Attorney.  
Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1868.

HONGKONG RACE FUND.  
GENTLEMEN who may not have had  
an opportunity of putting down their  
Names as Subscribers, may do so at the  
Charterhouse Bank up to the 17th instant.  
The Subscriptions are now in course of  
being collected, and Tickets for the Grand  
Stand will be issued on the 15th.  
Tickets for non-subscribers price \$6, and  
to the New Stand price \$2 for the Meeting,  
may also be had on and after the 15th inst.  
on application to the Honorary Treasurer.  
W. KAYE,  
Hon. Treasurer.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1868.

EX "SIR LANCASTER."  
ROOTS, from Burrows of Cookham, for  
B. Ludlow, Gentleman and Children.  
HATS and HELMETS, from Ellwood  
and Christy.  
Also,  
KID GLOVES, Lisle THREAD and Cotton  
SOCKS, all the new shape COLLARS,  
BUREKA SHIRTS, Cambric HANDKER-  
CHIEFS, Light Summer TWEEDS and  
FLANNELS, Turkish Bath TOWELS,  
Bath SPOUNGES, Hendrie's Choice PER-  
FUMES, 11th Vol. LONDON SOCIETY,  
&c., &c.  
S. W. BAKER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1868.

EX "CARMARTHENSIRE" AND  
"AFON."  
BAS & BEER in Pints and Quarts.  
EDMUND R. HOLMES,  
Sole Agent.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1868.

JUST RECEIVED PER "ALBERT  
VICTORIA."  
(Direct from London.)  
DESSERT CLARET in cases one dozen  
each.  
CHATEAU MARGAUX, \$15.  
CHATEAU LAUREVILLE, \$13.  
CHATEAU D'AY, \$9.  
Also,  
Breakfast CLARET, \$4.  
G. DUBOIS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 31, 1868.

ARMY CONTRACTS, 1868-1869.  
SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, mark-  
ed outside "Tenders for Army Con-  
tracts," will be received by the Under-  
signed until Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th  
February, 1868, from persons willing to  
contract for such quantities of Commissariat  
Supplies, Hospital Supplies, or for the per-  
formance of Barrack and Hospital Services,  
such as washing and repairing, Bedding,  
Utensils, &c., as may from time to time be  
required for the use of Her Majesty's troops  
in the Island of Hongkong or its outposts,  
during the year commencing 1st April, 1868.  
Forms of Tenders (no other than those in-  
sued by the Commissariat will be received)  
and Conditions of Contract, with any fur-  
ther information that may be required, can  
be obtained on application to the Commis-  
sariat Barrack or Purveying Department  
for the respective Supplies and Services.  
Each Tender to be signed by two respon-  
sible persons, willing to become surety for  
the party Tendering.  
The right of rejecting the lowest or any  
Tender is reserved.  
REDMOND UNICAKKE,  
Commissariat Gen.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

TENDERS will be received by the Un-  
der-  
signed until Noon, on FRIDAY,  
the 14th instant, for the erection of a RIG-  
GING SHED at H. M.'s Naval Yard.  
Plans and Specifications can be seen and  
further information obtained on application  
at this Office.  
A. H. PRICE,  
Naval Store-keeper.  
H. M.'s Naval Yard,  
11th Feb., 1868.

THE Under-  
signed is ready to receive  
Tenders for the CONVEYANCE of  
the undermentioned Stores to Yokohama:  
PORTER, 160 Hogsheads.  
LIME JUICE, 60 boxes.  
ALF. H. PRICE,  
Naval & Victualling Storekeeper.  
H. M.'s Naval Yard,  
Hongkong, December 18, 1867.

ROOFING AND SHEATHING FELT.  
CONSTANTLY on hand for Sale by the  
Under-  
signed.  
ROZARIO & Co.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1868.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!!  
SELLING OFF!!!  
GREAT SACRIFICES!!!  
SPLendid Bargains!!!  
MULLER & CLAUSSEN  
BEG to announce that they are Selling  
OFF their stocks of the undermentioned  
GOODS at Invoice prices, consisting of:  
Black Cloth Dress FROCK and Walking  
COATS.  
Melton and Angola Walking, Shooting  
and S.A.C. COATS.  
Melton and Witney YACHT JACKETS  
and OVER COATS.  
Alpaca and Merino COATS.  
Black Dress TROUSERS.  
Fancy Baskin, Angola and Tweed  
TROUSERS.  
Alpaca and Merino TROUSERS.  
White and Colored Linen TROUSERS.  
Black Dress VESTS.  
Buckskin and Angola VESTS.  
Merino and Alpaca VESTS.  
White Marcella and Linen VESTS.  
Colored Linen VESTS.

A large lot of PIECE GOODS, compris-  
ing—  
Black and Blue Broad CLOTHS and  
DOCKSKINS.  
MELTONS, BUCKSKINS, ANGOLAS,  
TWEEDS and FLANNELS, of  
this Season's Patterns.

Also a new assortment of HOSIERY  
and SHIRTS of—  
LONG CLOTH, with Linen FRONTS, &c.  
Silk and Wool SHIRTS.  
Merino, Cotton, Lambswool and Flannel  
DRAWERS and UNDER VESTS.  
Merino, Cotton and Lambswool  
HALF HOSE.

LADIES' COTTON HOSE.  
Dress Kid and Driving GLOVES.  
COLLARS, SCARVES, TIES, Cholera  
BELTS and Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS.  
Christy's Silk, Shell and Felt HATS,  
in the newest Shapes.  
Dawson's BOOTS and SHOES.  
UMBRELLAS, Walking STICKS, Cloth  
and Hair BRUSHES.  
PERFUMERY, Fancy SOAPS,  
And a great variety of other GOODS.

MULLER & CLAUSSEN,  
Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, February 5, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Steamers "PRINCE ALBERT"  
and "SIR JAMES WATKINS"  
will leave for the Canton  
River as Night Boats until further notice.  
Hongkong, November 15, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Partnership hitherto existing be-  
tween DOMINGO DO ROZARIO, ALEXAN-  
DRE MARCAL, JR. and ANTONIO DOS SANTOS  
in the Printing Office at Fochow, was  
dissolved on the 12th November, 1867.  
ROZARIO & Co.  
Fochow, November 16, 1867.

WITH reference to the above, the Busi-  
ness hitherto carried on by Messrs  
ROZARIO & Co. as Printers in Fochow,  
will be conducted by the Under-  
signed, who have this day established themselves as  
Printers under the Firm of ROZARIO, MAR-  
CAL & Co.  
DOMINGO DO ROZARIO,  
ALEXANDRE MARCAL, JR.  
Fochow, November 16, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
W. A. STURROCK in our Firm ceased  
yesterday by lapse of time.  
BOYD & Co.  
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

## LATEST SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
Feb. 13, Helms, Frsch. schooner, 189,  
Miyayevville, Newcastle, N.S.W., Nov.  
27, 250 tons Coal.—Order.  
CLEARED.  
Frish, for Tientsin.  
Zwey Geburder, for Yokohama.  
Nueva Constante, for Macao.  
Glengyle, for Canton.  
George Skelton, for Singapore.  
Cassimagnon, for Saigon.  
China, for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.  
The French schooner Helms, from New-  
castle, N.S.W., reports: bad weather and  
strong N.E. monsoon, and heavy sea and  
rain nearly all the passage to Hongkong;  
76 days out. On 23rd Jan. in lat. 11.55  
E. long. 170.7 E. passed Fatula Island;  
saw eight dolphins from the boat, but was  
blowing very hard with a heavy sea, no re-  
sistance could be sent ashore; the Helms  
remained for 24 hours, but there being no  
change in the weather she was obliged to  
proceed on her voyage to Hongkong.

Particulars of Cargo passed at the Canton  
Custom House on the 6th February, (omit-  
ted in the previous report):—  
Per (Cera, loading for New York:—  
822 rolls Matting.  
88 cases Onling Tea.  
132 Orange Pekoe Tea.  
The Cera cleared on the 11th Feb.  
with 55 cases Silk and 1,015 rolls Matting  
additional.

## QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 13th February, 1868.  
OPIUM.—Paina, Now, ... \$700  
Old, ... 677 1/2  
Benares, Now, ... 685  
Old, ... 672 1/2  
Malwa, ... 730

Exchange.  
Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 4/3  
Credits 6 ... 4/3  
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 219 s 21/8  
Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 215 s 21/8  
Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank, Tls. 74  
Bar Silver, 17 days' B., ... 11 1/2 per c. pro.  
Specs, ... 9 1/2 per c. pro.  
Mexicans, ... 23 1/2 per c. pro.  
Gold Leaf, ... 23 1/2 per c. pro.  
Gold Bar, 98 touch, ... 23 1/2  
English Sovereigns, ... 4 1/2  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4 1/2  
Discount, ...  
Gas Company Shares, 40 per Share.  
H. & W. pos dock, Old, 25 per cent pm.  
Do, New, 15 per cent pm.  
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 12 1/2 per cent pm.  
Do, New, 2  
Union Dock Shares, ... 27 1/2 per cent dis.

Temperature.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1868.  
9 A.M. 3 P.M.  
Barometer, ... 30.226 30.132  
Attached Thermometer, ... 63 64  
Dry Bulb, ... 65.0 65.0  
Wet Bulb, ... 55.0 57.0  
Maximum S. Rgr., ... 67.0  
Minimum S. Rgr., ... 58.0  
Max. Sun's Rays, ... 81  
Minimum on Grass, ... 56.0  
Previous Rain on Grass, ... 0.00  
24 hours, ... above, ... NE.  
Wind, ... NE. 3  
Force, ... 9 3  
Cloud, ... 9 3  
Ozone, ... 4 3  
Weather, ... Dull. Dull.

NOTES AND QUERIES ON CHINA  
AND JAPAN.  
No. 1, Vol. 2, is now ready.  
Price, \$6.00 or £1.50 per annum.  
Hongkong: C. A. SAINT.  
London: F. ALGAR.

Early orders for back numbers of this  
popular periodical are requested, as the  
edition is nearly exhausted.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.  
Our columns are open to all who wish to  
address the public on legitimate grounds, but  
we do not hold ourselves responsible for the  
opinions of our correspondents.  
All communications addressed to this paper  
must be accompanied by the name of the  
sender, not necessarily for publication, but as  
a guarantee of good faith.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1868.  
THE EAST INDIA TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY.  
It is some time since any intelligence has  
been received of the doings of the East  
India Telegraph Company, a communi-  
cation from its Secretary to this paper  
being, we believe, the last public intima-  
tion of its vitality. We are at some loss  
to reconcile the reported intention of  
speedily placing Hongkong in connection  
with Shanghai, with the profound secrecy  
which seems to shroud the steps now  
being, or supposed to be, taken. One  
would naturally expect that so important  
a scheme would be fully ventilated at  
public meetings, be discussed by the  
Chambers of Commerce, and be a subject  
of widespread interest in the social cir-  
cles of the colony and settlement. But  
either the matter is being conducted in  
the dark, or nobody in China has any  
knowledge whatever of what is being  
done. If the Company are really in  
earnest, it would seem but wise on their  
part to direct public attention to the  
matter. Whatever may be the possible  
support derivable in the future from Chi-  
nese sources, it is indubitable that, for a  
lengthened period, the project must rest  
for success upon foreign aid alone. It is  
by no means certain that the more im-  
portant mercantile firms, possessing  
steamers of their own, will so cordially  
welcome the new agent as to hold out  
very great prospects of support from  
those quarters. It may be quite true  
that, were the telegraph once in operation,  
they would be compelled for their own  
safety to use it to keep pace with their  
less important rivals. But all acquainted  
with mercantile life in China will bear  
out our assertion, that the directors of  
the company must be prepared for one  
of two alternatives—either to canvass for  
and ensure the support of the leading  
merchants before expending a single  
cent, or to sink an uncertainly large  
amount of capital, in the scheme for a  
lengthened period without expect-  
ing a bare return for the money in-  
vested. There has been no one aware  
in America a good deal of vague non-  
sense talked about Chinese support, but  
no one acquainted with the nature of the  
native officials is likely to base much  
upon such prospects as their aid holds  
out.

Of the importance which such a cable  
as that proposed would possess to the  
Chinese government, when they once  
availed themselves of its services, there  
could be no doubt. And there is equally  
little doubt that, when it was once per-  
ceived that Canton and Shanghai were  
practically at the same distance from the  
capital, there would arise a desire to ex-  
tend the telegraph from Shanghai to the  
northward. But correct as these beliefs  
may be they are not so commercially cer-  
tain as to justify such a leap in the dark  
as the organisation of a telegraphic ex-  
pedition to lay a cable between Hongkong  
and Shanghai before the amount of cus-

tom likely to accrue is actually gauged  
and reduced to an absolute calculation,  
with results expressed in hard dollars.  
We learn from England that the sanguine  
projectors of Railways and Telegraphs in  
China have quite "drawn in their horns"  
till the advent of better times; and that  
even the most sanguine of professional  
engineers—Sir MacDonald Stevenson—  
has pronounced the times to be "utterly  
out of joint" for any present attempt to  
carry out ideas involving a large outlay  
of capital, and a considerable amount of  
diplomacy and other trouble. We cer-  
tainly credit our American cousins with  
the power of accomplishing much that  
seems almost hopeless to our slower pulse,  
but they seldom ignore the "main  
chance." If they are doing so in this  
matter, failure will be inevitable.

THE NEW HOTEL.  
We are glad to learn that, despite the  
difficulties which the project has encoun-  
tered, the Hongkong Hotel has become  
an accomplished fact. The magnificent  
building to be henceforth known by that  
name is, we understand, to be formally  
opened on the 1st proximo by His Ex-  
cellency the Governor, assisted by the  
leading residents, and we sincerely  
wish it a long and prosperous career. So  
much has of late been said about the  
new Hotel that we could say but little  
with which our readers are not already  
acquainted. We may however mention  
that the billiard tables (Thurston's best)  
are now in course of erection and occupy  
a room which is one of the finest in  
Hongkong, and will be ready for use in  
a few days. Much of the furniture which  
has been ordered under the care of the  
able manager engaged, Mr. Duggan, is  
being made at Canton and will shortly  
be delivered.

The amount fixed on for board and  
lodging for a single individual is we learn  
\$70 per month, not an exorbitant  
charge at the rates ruling in Hongkong  
—and of the 38 rooms to let, 17 have  
already been taken by permanent resi-  
dents, 10 are reserved for casual visitors  
by the mails (some what too small a  
number, as it appears to us) and 11 still  
remain open for permanent engagement.  
It was we believe proposed to inaugurate  
a new club in the building, the founders  
being members of the present English  
club, but we have not heard what progress  
has been made in carrying out the idea.  
Altogether the prospects of the new  
Hotel are decidedly cheering, and we  
congratulate the directors and shareholders  
upon the completion of an enterprise  
which will form no small attraction to  
future visitors or convenience to single  
residents.

The following notice to correspondents  
appears in our contemporary of this  
morning. The "paper referred to" is  
the Friend of China:—  
The Editor would be glad to insert the  
letter from "A Visitor to Tientsin," if it  
were not that he has found it best to avoid  
giving facilities to objectionable  
matter in the paper referred to by noticing  
it in any way.  
—It is a pity that the old feud between  
the two papers should be still kept up,  
especially as it deprives us of what a  
"Visitor to Tientsin" has to say about  
that interesting place. Surely the  
"objectionable matter" might have been  
eliminated, and what was interesting and  
unobjectionable preserved.

LOCAL.  
The sixth sheet of "Papers on China" will  
be issued to-morrow. It contains the  
editorial of the Rev. C. Williamson's notes on South-  
ern Manchuria, and other valuable extracts  
from public journals.  
An entertainment of a very pleasing char-  
acter will be given in the Garrison Theatre  
on Saturday evening. It will include vocal  
and instrumental music, and the exhibition  
of panoramic paintings illustrative of scenes  
in the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny.  
The musical portion of the entertain-  
ment is, we know, unusually good. The  
performances of the Berbera Kholer on the  
concert are well worth listening to, and we  
venture to predict a success for them. We  
will not anticipate the judgment of the  
company who will no doubt fill the the-  
atre on Saturday evening, but we confidently  
believe it will be a favourable one.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—RE DENT & CO.  
A meeting of creditors in re the Bank-  
ruptcy of Dent & Co., was held in the  
Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, on  
Friday, the 8th inst., at 11 o'clock, when  
Mr. Gaskell, appeared for the petitioning credi-  
tor. Only one other creditor attended, and  
it was therefore deemed advisable to ad-  
journ the meeting; which was done, with  
the consent of the creditors represented,  
and the next meeting fixed for Monday  
week.







## For Sale.

**STEAM COALS.**  
*For Sale from Store, or deliverable on Board.*  
**ENGLISH**—Londonderry West Hartley,  
 Davissou's West Hartley, Straker,  
 West Hartley.  
**WELSH**—Blaengwara Marthyr.  
 Apply to **ROB. S. WALKER & Co**  
 Hongkong, March 16, 1866.

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**J. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE**  
**MUMM & Co.'s HOCK & MOSELE**  
 qts. and pts.  
 Chillingworth's **SHERRY and PORT;**  
**CHAMBERTIN, WHISKEY.**  
**WHITE & PRICE'S BRANDY.**  
**ALLSOP'S ALE,** draught and bottle.  
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**BRIDGES & SONS' PORTER.**  
**ROB. S. WALKER & Co.**  
 Hongkong, November 20, 1867.  
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THE Property known as ALMAK PLACE  
having a Frontage of Eighty-three feet  
on WELLINGTON and GAGE Streets, and  
Two Hundred and Twenty-nine feet on AS-  
SOREN STREET, comprising a superficial area  
of about 19,000 Square feet. Annual Ground  
Rent, £42 12 6.  
For further particulars, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1864.

CLARET, real Château Margaux.  
 " Haut Bages.  
 " L. Espare Duroc.  
 BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martell's in  
 1 dozen cases.  
 BEER and PORTER in bottle.  
 BUTTER (Platts) in kegs.  
*Also,*  
 A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow  
 METAL, 20/28 oz. with NAILS.

Apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 11, 1887.

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**FOR SALE.**  
**Ex THE TWEED, ALBERT VICTOR**  
*and Late Articals.*  
**RUBBER and Canyas Leading HOSE.**  
**R** Tuck's Rubber PACKING, Engine  
BELTING.  
Rigging SCREWS, Police IRONS, As-  
sorted FILES.  
Engineers' HAMMERS, FORGES and  
more.

T. & D. Henry's 1st quality CANYAS  
and PARCELLING.  
Best Merchant Navy CANYAS, Repair-  
ing CANYAS.  
Hemp PACKING, WICKING.  
Hemp and Cotton TWINE.  
York HAMS, Cheddar CHEESE, Corn  
MEAL, HOMINY.  
Also, a fine Invoice of Table and Pocket  
CUTLERY.

**DIETETIC BAEI**, the new DIET, so highly recommended by the Faculty to those suffering from derangement of the Digestive Organs. Can be procured from  
**GEO. GLASSE,**  
*The Victoria Dispensary.*  
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

**CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES**  
BY  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
CHRISTMAS and Wedding CAKES.

Lemon, Orange, Vanilla, Ratafia &c.,  
BISCUITS.  
Bonbon and Rimmel's ROSE WATER  
CRACKERS.  
Presentation Boxes of BONBONS.  
MINOEMEAT. CAVIARE.  
Choice new FIGS & Bloom MUSCATELS.  
Chocolate BONBONS, Carlsbad WAFERS.  
Nougat d'AMBRICOTS, Assorted Dessert  
FRUITS.  
Grouse in GRAVY, Truffled CHICKENS.  
Truffled ORTOLANS, Potted Salmon  
-MON-

Russia, OX and Reindeer's TONGUES in  
Jelly.  
Christmas TREE, and  
Christmas TREE ORNAMENTS.  
STEREOSCOPES, GRAPHOSCOPES.  
New Operatic Transparent VIEWS.  
Meridian CALENDARS, Novel DICE, and  
ROUGE ET NOIR.  
ANEROIDS, THERMOMETERS, Astro-  
nomical TELESCOPE, Courier BAGS,  
Writing CASES.  
Bronze FIGURES, Meerschaum PIPES,

and Clear CASES,  
HONGKONG, December 9, 1867. 11

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AT THE STAG HOTEL STORES,  
NO. 110, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Just Landed.  
*Ex THE TWEEED.*  
**PICKLES, JAMS, SALT,**  
**VINEGAR, CURRANTS,**  
**HELUS, Raspberry VINEGAR,**  
**CATSUP, MUSTARD,**  
**Loaf SUGAR, BLACKING.**  
**Ginger BRANDY.**

Booth's OLD TOM.  
CHAMPAGNE in pint.  
Cheddar Leaf CHEESE.  
Prime YORK HAMS.  
EDMUND HOLMES.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1868.

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FOR SALE.  
FINE Copenhagen BUTTER, in tins of  
28 lbs. nett, and by the pound.  
Prime Dutch HERRINGS in tins of 2  
dozen.

ANCHOVIES.—At  
FREERKS, ROPATZ & Co.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1868.

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TO AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS.  
JUST arrived, and for Sale. A few com-  
plete Sets of PHOTOGRAPHIC  
APPARATUS, with instructions.  
Apply to  
FLOYD & Co.,  
Photographers,  
Hongkong, January 16, 1868. 1516

**FOR SALE.**  
By Private Contract.  
THE "CITY OF ROTTERDAM," Public  
House, situated in Queen's Road West,  
together with GOODWILL, FURNITURE,  
FIXTURES and STOCK-IN-TRADE. The  
above House is doing a good business, and  
the sole reason for its being sold is that the  
present Proprietor is leaving the Colony  
in consequence of ill health.  
For particulars, apply on the Premises.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1868.

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